

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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RECRUITMENT OF MILITANTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Army has recruited several militants who had surrendered;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether these surrendered militants have been recruited on the basis of competitive examinations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) & (b): No, Sir. Militants have not been recruited in the regular Army. However, some militants who volunteered or surrendered have been recruited in one Battalion of Territorial Army which is not a regular Army unit.
- (c) & (d): The recruitment was through competitive examinations including physical tests and medical examinations.